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## The Outbreak On Mauna Loa

It is not surprising that the reports of the outbreak on the summit of Mauna Loa should be somewhat indeterminate as to the exact locality, and somewhat conflicting as to which side it is, and whether there may not be more than one outbreak. In 1903 when the last outbreak occurred, it was not until after parties had actually ascended to the point of activity by different routes, that it was made certain that there had not been an outbreak at more than one place.

That this uncertainty should exist is not surprising. The crater of Mokuaweoweo is 13,000 feet above sea level or a little more, while Mauna Loa itself towers a few hundred feet higher. The mountain has a base seventy miles in diameter. There are no habitations within many miles of the summit—twenty-five miles at least on all sides except possibly the South Kona side, the abruptest side of the mountain. Clouds rest on some portion of the mountain most of the time.

When it is remembered how difficult it is to determine the approximate distance of a burning house or a burning trash pile seen at any distance beyond a mile, and particularly at night, it can be readily understood how difficult it is to determine the exact locality of this outbreak, which manifests itself, at a distance, only by light and smoke. It is miles away, and up thousands of feet. The light is reflected by clouds and refracted by variations in the density of air strata. There are few or no familiar and definite land marks. It presents a different appearance from every point of view, and there are as many different points of view as it is possible to have in a complete circle whose diameter cannot be much less than fifty miles.

Conflicting reports, therefore, both as to the appearance and exact locality of the outbreak are to be expected, and as to whether there are more than one point of outbreak.

Of this, however, everyone may be assured, that any outbreak of the summit of Mauna Loa is a magnificent spectacle well worth going to see, and well worth many difficulties to reach. Everyone may be assured also that though the ascent is not easy, there is nothing in it from which a well and able-bodied man, or woman either, who has a decent amount of resolution and fortitude need quail. Parties attempting the ascent should go well prepared—not because of the danger—but to minimize the inconvenience and the effects of altitude and low temperature. Water is the great essential to be taken along. Alcoholic liquors of any sort should be strictly tabooed.

The trip is one that once taken will never be regretted. It will be an experience to be recalled with pleasure and satisfaction ever afterwards.

## Canada And Mail Rates

An interesting situation has been brought about by the announcement by the Canadian Government of the abrogation of the postal convention between Canada and United States on May 7 next. The Canadian Government contends that the United States transports as second-class matter a number of publications which are not properly classed under that head, and that it cannot transport such publications except at a loss. The matter has been under consideration by a joint committee of the Senate and the House for a couple of months, and it is possible that an effort may be made to settle the difficulty by legislative action. In case this should not be found practicable the two governments will fall back on the International Postal Union rates, unless the Canadian Government should come forward with a new proposition. The only difficulty about rates has reference to those for second-class matter, in reference to which, it is suggested, another convention might be framed.

## Dr. Scudder And The Japanese

The current number of "The Friend," contains an extended and evidently carefully written article on the Japanese question by Dr. Doremus Scudder. Dr. Scudder does not touch on the question of whether or not the action of the San Francisco Board of Education is in violation of the treaty rights of the Japanese. Nor does he adopt the assumption that it is. He treats the whole matter on what appeals to him as principles more basic than any such questions.

He sees no probability—almost no possibility—of war between Japan and the United States. But he does see an ultimate possibility of what is far worse if equity and ethics, as he views them, do not prevail.

His conclusions on the whole subject are as follows:

"Unless insensate folly should lead California people to commit some great outrage upon Japanese, war between the two nations is unthinkable. The statesmen of the Emperor are as wise as our own. It may please the press of both countries to make larger sales by war scare talk, but there is too much conscience in the world today to suffer any such outcome as a reference of the question to arms.

"The danger is something far graver and of much greater menace to human progress. A ruptured friendship between individuals is an experience whose pain may blight a lifetime, but a sundered international relation of mutual trust, respect and admiration just at this moment when the world stands on the threshold of the New Era of Peace will be unspeakably tragic. It is in Asia's power to deal American commercial expansion a blow that for decades will be irreparable. If we persist in our cruel treatment of the Asiatic—for nothing in the material realm can compare in cruelty with the denial of essential brotherhood to a fellow human race—this blow must fall. Asia may not always be able to live unto itself alone but it can do this more successfully than we can. Much better for us to go hand in hand each reacting helpfully upon the other than to force Asia into a bitterness of competition wherein her ideal resources in labor and in land give her such vast advantage.

"Is it not time for labor in the United States to become truly international in spirit? Much labor literature delights in the expression, human solidarity. It is more than a term, it embodies a mighty truth. But to restrict it to whites is to stultify it. It is perfectly clear that acting under this general principle of equality it may be both just and wise for nations to regulate and restrict immigration so as to protect workingmen from a disturbance of economic conditions likely to prove disastrous to large numbers of men. This is a question of policy to be determined by experiment. But all such regulations must never interfere with the basic principle of brotherhood, of human solidarity.

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John Siemsen has not found the road between arrest and conviction a very long one.

It begins to look as though the pressure of public opinion would be so strong that the legislators will not dare to plan an extra session and lose the \$30,000 congressional appropriation.

One hears a good many people express themselves as tired of this rainy weather.

Some people talk and act as though they wished Mauna Loa wouldn't break out.

The announcement from Tokio that the Japanese squadron will not visit San Francisco confirms the "tip" that it would not, which was first given in Honolulu. Yet there are

some who kicked because the papers published the "tip."

The evidence of experience accumulates that the system of registered land titles is an advance on the old system.

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